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JOINT IMPLEMENTATION SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

FIFTEENTH MEETING

Report

Date of meeting: 21–22 April 2009

Location: Bonn, Germany

Attendance: The names of members and alternate members of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (JISC) present at the fifteenth meeting are in bold print below. Where only the name of an alternate member is in bold print, the alternate member participated as a member.

Members	Alternate Members
Mr. Olle Björk	<i>Mr. Franzjosef Schafhausen</i>
Mr. Muhammed Quamrul Chowdhury	Mr. Maosheng Duan
Mr. Carlos Fuller	<i>Mr. Javier Andrés Hubenthal</i>
Ms. Fatou Gaye	Mr. Benjamin Longo-Mbenza
Mr. Georgiy Geletukha	Mr. Yoncho Georgiev Pelovski
Mr. Hiroki Kudo	<i>Mr. Anton Beck</i>
Mr. Benoît Leguet	<i>Mr. Evgeny Sokolov</i>
Mr. Derrick Oderson	<i>Ms. Ngedikes Olai Uludong-Polloi</i>
Mr. Oleg Pluzhnikov	<i>Ms. Agnieszka Galan</i>
Mr. Vlad Trusca	<i>Ms. Irina Voitekhovitch</i>

Quorum (in parenthesis required numbers):

9 (7) members/alternate members acting as members were present of which

5 (4) were from Annex I Parties and

4 (3) were from non-Annex I Parties.

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**Agenda item 1: Membership issues (including disclosure of possible conflict of interest)**

1. The Chair opened the meeting and asserted that the quorum was met. No conflict of interest was identified by any member or alternate member of the JISC present at the meeting.
2. The JISC noted that Mr. Björk, Ms. Gaye and Mr. Schafhausen were unable to attend the meeting and that they had provided proper justification for their absence.

Agenda item 2: Adoption of the agenda

3. With regard to the proposed agenda, the Chair suggested to additionally discuss the following issues under proposed agenda item “Other matters”:
 - (a) Possible revisions to the Procedures for the withdrawal of submissions under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee;
 - (b) Unsolicited communication received by the JISC.
4. The JISC adopted the agenda with the changes referred to in paragraph 3 above.

Agenda item 3: Work plan**Agenda sub-item 3 (a): Accreditation of independent entities**

5. The JISC took note of the eleventh progress report on the work of the Joint Implementation Accreditation Panel (JI-AP) orally presented by its Vice-Chair, Mr. Pluzhnikov. The report summarized information relating to the work of the JI-AP, including the status of applications for accreditation, the status of the roster of experts for joint implementation assessment teams (JI-ATs), and other outcomes of the JI-AP.

Case specific considerations

6. The JISC considered the JI-AP recommendation on accreditation of an independent entity (IE) based on two witnessing activities, and agreed to accredit the independent entity SGS United Kingdom Ltd. for the determination¹ and verification² functions in the following sectoral scopes:³

Sectoral scope 1:	Energy industries (renewable/non-renewable sources);
Sectoral scope 2:	Energy distribution;
Sectoral scope 3:	Energy demand;
Sectoral scope 4:	Manufacturing industries;
Sectoral scope 5:	Chemical industries;
Sectoral scope 6:	Construction;
Sectoral scope 7:	Transport;
Sectoral scope 8:	Mining/mineral production;
Sectoral scope 9:	Metal production;
Sectoral scope 10:	Fugitive emissions from fuels (solid, oil and gas);

¹ Determination regarding project design document in accordance with paragraph 33 of the annex to decision 9/CMP.1 (hereinafter referred to as JI guidelines).

² Determination regarding emission reductions or enhancements of removals in accordance with paragraph 37 of the JI guidelines.

³ For the sectoral scopes in bold print, accreditation is valid for five years. For the other sectoral scopes, accreditation shall be suspended after one and a half years unless the independent entity starts a witnessing activity in the sectoral group in which those sectoral scopes belong. See section B.2 and annex 4 of the Procedure for accrediting independent entities by the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (version 04) for more details.



Sectoral scope 11:	Fugitive emissions from production and consumption of halocarbons and sulphur hexafluoride;
Sectoral scope 12:	Solvent use;
Sectoral scope 13:	Waste handling and disposal;
Sectoral scope 14:	Land-use, land-use change and forestry;
Sectoral scope 15:	Agriculture.

General guidance and process

7. The JISC considered draft version 03 of Indicative level of fees to be paid to joint implementation assessment teams by applicant independent entity or accredited independent entity, recommended by the JI-AP, accommodating the cases where JI-AT members are requested to perform additional tasks after the completion of an on-site assessment or witnessing activity, and adopted it as recommended, as contained in [annex 1](#).

8. The JISC took note of the measures under consideration by the JI-AP to strengthen performance monitoring of accredited independent entities responding to the JISC's request at its thirteenth meeting, as well as the measures also under consideration by the JI-AP to further improve joint implementation accreditation process.

9. The JISC took note of other progress made by the JI-AP as well as issues under consideration by the JI-AP.

10. The Chair informed the JISC that one JI-AP member, Mr. Massamba Thioye, resigned from the JI-AP as of 31 March 2009, hence he requested the secretariat to open a new call for experts to fill the vacant position. The secretariat informed the JISC that it conducted the call from 24 March until 11 April 2009 and, as mandated by the terms of reference of the JI-AP, prepared a shortlist of candidates for consideration by the JISC. The JISC, based on the shortlist, selected Dr. Dmytro Yurievich Paderno as a new JI-AP member to serve for the panel for the remainder of the term of Mr. Thioye (i.e. until 28 September 2010 at the earliest). The JISC requested Dr. Paderno to start his work for the JI-AP as soon as the necessary administrative procedure for the appointment is completed. The JISC expressed its appreciation for the work done by Mr. Thioye.

Further schedule

11. The JISC noted that the seventeenth meeting of the JI-AP is to take place on 25-26 May 2009.

Agenda sub-item 3 (b): Matters relating to determination and verification reports

12. The JISC took note of the report by the secretariat regarding the submission of documents under the verification procedure under the JISC (hereinafter referred to as JI Track 2 procedure). Since the launch of the JI Track 2 procedure on 26 October 2006, 177 project design documents (PDDs) had been submitted and made publicly available on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 32 of the JI guidelines. Seven determinations regarding a PDD had been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 34 of the JI guidelines, of which:

- (a) Six determinations had been deemed final in accordance with paragraph 35 of the JI guidelines;
- (b) One determination had been rejected.



13. Four monitoring reports had been submitted and made publicly available on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 36 of the JI guidelines. Three determinations of emission reductions or enhancements of removals pursuant to paragraph 37 of the JI guidelines (hereinafter referred to as verification) had been published on the UNFCCC JI website in accordance with paragraph 38 of the JI guidelines and all of them had been deemed final.⁴

14. The JISC also took note of the report by the secretariat on the status of information from Parties regarding their designated focal points (DFPs) and national guidelines and procedures for approving JI projects, in accordance with paragraph 20 (a) and (b) of the JI guidelines, required for the submission of determination reports regarding PDDs. Thirty-three Annex I Parties had informed the secretariat of their DFPs.⁵ Twenty-six of these Parties had also submitted their national guidelines and procedures for approving joint implementation (JI) projects.⁶

15. At its eighth meeting the JISC requested the secretariat to submit to applicant and accredited IEs and DFPs, on a regular basis, surveys with regard to forecasts of the expected number of JI projects. The JISC requested the secretariat to provide suggested improvements to the surveys regarding the forecasts of the expected number of JI projects.

Agenda sub-item 3 (c): Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

16. The JISC considered the process for the development of the JI management plan for the 2010-2011 biennium, taking note of the information provided by the secretariat with regard to the timelines for its preparation and next steps. The JISC agreed to consider at its next meeting elements and issues that need to be reflected and taken into account in the development of the management plan, and in this regard requested the secretariat to report to the JISC at its next meeting on this matter.

17. Taking into account the ongoing work on a number of issues before the JISC, the JISC updated its work programme for 2009 as contained in [annex 2](#). The JISC as well agreed to consider its work programme further at its subsequent meetings, and revise it as appropriate.

18. The JISC also discussed the current financial situation, including the status of contributions from Parties and the current shortfall of approximately USD 1 million in resources budgeted for the implementation of the activities presented in the JI management plan for the biennium 2008–2009. In this regard, the JISC thanked those Parties that had contributed to the funding of the work of the JISC during the current biennium and continued to encourage Parties to make further contributions to ensure that all necessary activities envisaged by the JISC can be carried out in a predictable and sustainable manner. The status of resources and contributions is provided in [annex 3](#).

⁴ According to paragraph 39 of the JI guidelines, a verification shall be deemed final 15 days after the date on which the verification is made public, unless a Party involved in the project or three of the members of the JISC request a review by the JISC.

⁵ Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

⁶ Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Netherlands, New Zealand, Poland, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom.

**Agenda item 4: Other matters****Agenda sub-item 4 (a): Collaboration of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee with others**

19. Based on the decision made at its tenth meeting, the JISC had invited the Chair of the DOE/AIE coordination forum on JI issues (Mr. Shigenari Yamamoto) to the meeting for interaction between the JISC and the forum.

20. The Chair of the DOE/AIE coordination forum elaborated the inputs from the forum sent to the JISC for the present meeting for consideration by the JISC.

21. The JISC requested the Chair of the DOE/AIE coordination forum to provide clarifications on the inputs, and agreed to take them into account in its future considerations of relevant issues.

22. The Chair of the JISC thanked Mr. Yamamoto for his attendance and expressed the usefulness of the inputs from and interaction with the forum.

Agenda sub-item 4 (b): Development of a determination and verification manual

23. The JISC considered the scoping document of a determination and verification manual (DVM) prepared by the secretariat in consultation with five JISC members/alternate members (Mr. Beck, Mr. Duan, Mr. Geletukha, Mr. Hubenthal and Mr. Trusca) as requested by the JISC at its fourteenth meeting, and agreed on the nature and the structure of a DVM as contained in [annex 4](#).

24. Concerning the modality of development of a DVM, the JISC agreed that:

- (a) The secretariat, in consultation with the five JISC members/alternate members referred to in paragraph 23 above, starts preparing a first draft immediately after the fifteenth meeting of the JISC;
- (b) The secretariat launches a public call for inputs immediately after the fifteenth meeting of the JISC for 20 days, seeking to provide texts of the contents of a DVM, based on the nature and structure of a DVM as agreed by the JISC and referred to in paragraph 23 above;
- (c) The secretariat, in consultation with the five JISC members/alternate members referred to in paragraph 23 above, incorporates the inputs received from the public call referred to in paragraph 24 (b) above as appropriate in the first draft, and submits it to the JISC for its consideration at its sixteenth meeting as well as for consultations with stakeholders at the roundtable, which is to be organized in conjunction with the sixteenth meeting of the JISC.

Agenda sub-item 4 (c): Development of definitions, forms, guidelines and procedures for projects under programmes of activities

25. In accordance with paragraph 6 of decision 5/CMP.4, the JISC requested, at its fourteenth meeting, Mr. Björk, Mr. Chowdhury, Mr. Fuller, Ms. Galan, Mr. Leguet and Mr. Oderson, supported by the secretariat, to develop a draft guidance on programmes of activities (PoA) under the JI Track 2 procedure.

26. The JISC considered the draft document and amended it as contained in [annex 5](#).

27. The JISC requested the secretariat to launch a call for public inputs, immediately after the fifteenth meeting, on the draft document referred to in paragraph 26 above and compile the inputs in an information note to be considered by the JISC at its next meeting.



28. The JISC also requested the secretariat, taking into account the JISC's deliberations on this item, to prepare a possible revision to the Provision for the charging of fees to cover administrative costs relating to the activities of the JISC for the consideration of the JISC at its next meeting.

Agenda sub-item 4 (d): Preparations for a JI Technical Workshop and round table discussions in 2009

29. At its fourteenth meeting the JISC requested the secretariat to make preparations for a roundtable discussion and the UNFCCC technical workshop on JI for 2009, including, to the extent possible, exploring the opportunities for holding the workshop in a JI host country. The secretariat provided an update on its preparations, including the information of an offer received from the Government of the Ukraine to host the seventeenth meeting of the JISC and the technical workshop to be held in conjunction with that meeting.

30. The JISC noted with appreciation the offer of the Government of the Ukraine and requested the secretariat to indicate the JISC's acceptance, subject to clearance of all necessary administrative issues, and continue to make preparations as appropriate and report back to the JISC at its next meeting.

31. The JISC also requested the secretariat to organize a roundtable discussion in conjunction with the sixteenth meeting of the JISC. The roundtable discussion should focus on the development of a DVM and PoA with interested stakeholders, in particular IEs and project participants.

Agenda sub-item 5 (e): Other business

Handling of requests for information and communication with the JISC and secretariat

32. At its fourteenth meeting the JISC requested the secretariat to prepare, for the consideration of the JISC at its fifteenth meeting, options for improvements, including possible revisions to existing procedures as appropriate, with regard to handling of information and communication with the JISC and the secretariat.

33. The JISC considered information provided by the secretariat with regard to a possible revision to the Procedures for communication of the public with the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee. After discussions on the matter the JISC agreed to the revision to the procedure as contained in annex 6.

Withdrawal procedures

34. Since the launch of the JI Track 2 procedure PDDs, determinations regarding PDDs, monitoring reports and verifications can be submitted and published on the UNFCCC JI website. Based on the experiences with the JI Track 2 procedure, the JISC agreed, at its thirteenth meeting, procedures for the withdrawal of submissions under the JI Track 2 procedure.

35. On the basis of further experience and implementation of the withdrawal procedures, the JISC agreed on the revision to the procedure as contained in annex 7.

Unsolicited communications

36. The JISC took note of an unsolicited communication submitted since its last meeting and agreed to answer, as appropriate.

Provisional agenda

37. The JISC agreed on the provisional agenda of its sixteenth meeting, to be held on 17–18 June 2009, as contained in annex 8.



Informal interaction with registered observers

38. The JISC invited registered observers for a webcasted question-and-answer session.

Agenda item 7: Conclusion of the meeting

39. The Chair summarized the main conclusions and closed the fifteenth meeting of the JISC.



Annexes to the report

Accreditation of independent entities

Annex 1: Indicative level of fees to be paid to joint implementation assessment team by applicant independent entity or accredited independent entity (version 03)

Management plan and resources for the work on joint implementation

Annex 2: Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee work programme for 2009

Annex 3: Status of resources and contributions

Development of a determination and verification manual

Annex 4: Scope of determination and verification manual

Development of definitions, forms, guidelines and procedures for projects under programmes of activities

Annex 5: Draft guidance on programme of activities under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee

Other business

Annex 6: Procedures for communication of the public with the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (version 2)

Annex 7: Procedures for the withdrawal of submissions under the verification procedure under the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee (version 2)

Annex 8: Provisional agenda of the sixteenth meeting of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee
